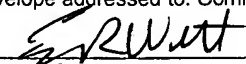


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Applicant	:	Tore Straume et al.	
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Filed	:	April 1, 2002	
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

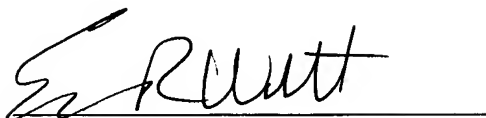
Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2003. A Petition for Extension of Time (five months) is submitted concurrently herewith to extend the response deadline until June 1, 2004.

The Office Action contained a Restriction Requirement between Group I drawn to a method of separating and/or quantifying a target nucleic acid molecules or an object which utilizes a first magnetically responsive bead and a second magnetically non-responsive bead (claims 1-6 and 26), Group II drawn to a method quantifying a desired protein in a sample which does not require the use of a first magnetically responsive bead and a second magnetically non-responsive bead (claims 7-13), and Group III drawn to a method of quantifying a target nucleic acid in a sample which does not require the use of a first magnetically responsive bead and a second magnetically non-responsive bead (claims 14-25). Applicants elect Group I drawn to claims 1-6 and 26.

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Respectfully submitted,

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